

## FAIRFIELD GLADE ROTARY GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

At a recent luncheon meeting, The Fairfield Glade Rotary Club made a \$1,500 donation to Kids On The Rise. Since 1991, KOTR has been an important asset to the youth of Cumberland County. The Mission Statement of Kids On the Rise ... "To provide experiences for youth that will enable them to further develop their intellectual, social, verbal, and creative capacities and to facilitate their entry into a responsible, productive adulthood" shows their commitment to young people in need. Their programs are designed to help kids reach their full potential covering literacy, learning and life and to help kids recapture the elements of the many possibilities for their lives. KOTR also seeks to improve the child's self-esteem, keep them in school, and enhance their positive development.



Why is Kids On The Rise Needed? Laura Kidwell, one of the counselors of the Cumberland County School, said, "These kids need someone to listen to them. They have no one. They need to have someone to come to the school to be there just for them. Kids need the assurance of a safe place, a safe relationship, safe space and time, a safe opportunity to talk, a safe and non-condescending moment for talking and listening. Kids need someone to encourage them to see the positive and necessary place school has in their lives. Kids need someone to encourage them to study, stay in school, and finish school. Kids need someone to care."

Ann Manookian, Executive Director of KOTR thanked the Club for their generosity and support. She also extended an invitation to their 7th Annual Dinner Auction Fundraiser to be held May 13, 5:30PM. A \$30 donation includes a dinner of Bourbon Chicken, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable and Key Lime Pie for dessert. For tickets contact Rotarian and KOTR Board Member Deanna Magdich at 456-9010. For more information on Kids On The Rise contact them at 459-2388.

For information on joining Rotary for Tuesday lunch at Legends, contact President Paul Wennermark at 456-9209.